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## DISTRICT

# Campus Reimagination Focused On Tradition



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*One COMMUNITY  
Pursuing GREATNESS  
Getting Better EVERY DAY*

Our MISSION . . .  
Through a culture of  
excellence, immerse  
students in educational  
opportunities and  
empower them to excel in  
an interconnected world.

The Riverside Local School District Board of Education voted to place a 1% earned income tax levy on the November 3, 2026 ballot at its July 1 Board of Education Special Meeting.

If approved by voters, this levy would generate approximately \$13.7 million annually. The funds from this levy would address the District's two most significant and timely needs: Infrastructure and Operations.

Riverside is currently facing a dual challenge – a systematic structural deficit where expenditures grow faster than revenue, and poor, aging infrastructure that no longer meets modern educational standards.

### ■ Infrastructure

A portion of the funding would allow the District to completely renovate the current Riverside High School building, including construction of a new academic addition on Campus to house students primarily in grades 7 and 8, and then demolish the current John R. Williams building. For decades, there have been conversations regarding the condition – and future – of Riverside High School, which is now 77-years-old and is the oldest high school in Lake County.

Over the course of the past 20 years, the building and its grounds have been professionally inspected and assessed by the Ohio Facilities Construction

Commission, Bialosky and Partners Architects, and ThenDesign Architecture. All three firms investigated the condition of major architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems as well as identified deficiencies and prioritized critical needs to address. The overwhelming synopsis amongst those reports was that significant renovations are needed to ensure Riverside High School could meet the needs of students, staff and community members.

The current high school is beloved by the community, which is why the District is aiming to renovate the existing building rather than rebuild. The community has previously expressed its desire to preserve the high school's history, legacy and tradition. The District's ultimate goal is to create spaces where every student can thrive while ensuring Riverside High School is a true hub of the community, through partnerships with various local organizations to provide meaningful amenities for all residents.

If the issues passes, the District would ultimately be left with three larger elementary schools (Parkside, Riverview and a fully renovated and expanded Buckeye slated to be completed by August of 2027), an intermediate school (LaMuth),

**1% Earned Income  
Tax on November  
Ballot will address  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
and OPERATIONS**

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# Campus Reimagination . . . (cont'd)

a brand new 7-8 building on Riverside Campus, and a completely renovated Riverside High School (grades 9-12).

## Operations

The second portion of the funding would allow the District to remain fiscally solvent for the foreseeable future. The District is currently in deficit spending despite being fiscally responsible and committing to approximately \$2 million in savings in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. Over the years, Riverside has worked hard to consolidate services, share resources and reduce costs. The District was also hit with an unexpected \$1.2 million loss from its budget last October when Lake County adopted changes to the Local Optional Homestead Tax Exemption and Local Optional Owner-Occupied Tax Exemption for the 2026 tax year. While the District is in support of the County's commitment to alleviate tax relief to residents who fall under the Homestead Act, the recent legislation results in an unplanned loss of approximately \$650,000 moving forward to the general fund.

As currently forecasted, the District will

be deficit spending by approximately \$4 million in Fiscal Year 2027 and more than \$7 million by Fiscal Year 2028. By Fiscal Year 2029, the District is projected to be in Fiscal Emergency.

Deficit spending is not a result of fiscal mismanagement or spending beyond the District's means. The District runs very lean and has also earned the Ohio Auditor of State Award for 10 straight years.

The reality is revenue has not kept pace with the rate of inflation, and school districts are not eligible to collect more revenue from property taxes than what was originally passed by voters, even when property values increase, due to Ohio law (House Bill 920).

In other words, revenue has remained flat while inflation and the cost(s) to maintain operations has increased significantly over the years. The last time the District passed new operating funds was in May of 2017.

## Earned Income Tax

An earned income tax generally includes wages, salaries, tips and self-employment income. It does not apply

to Social Security, pensions, retirement income, unemployment benefits or interest or dividends. In addition, an Earned Income Tax eases the burden on senior citizens and those who are retired and on fixed incomes. An Earned Tax Levy also captures non-property owners who can contribute to school funding.

An Earned Income Tax Levy is only assessed on an individual during times when they are actively employed. Any break in employment (retirement, resignation, etc.) directly relates to a break in the earned income tax. So while the Earned Income Tax Levy is continuous, it is only applicable to individuals during their years of employment, unlike a property tax levy.

For the reasons above, the District is seeking an Earned Income Tax Levy rather than a traditional Property Tax Levy.

The median earned income of individuals living within the Riverside Local School District is \$53,792, according to the 2025 CUPP Report. This would mean an individual making \$53,792 would pay \$537.92 per year (or \$44.82 per month).



Draft rendering from ThenDesign Architecture

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# New Assistant Superintendent Hired

We are pleased to announce David Leone is returning to Riverside Local Schools as the District's new Assistant Superintendent, effective August 1, 2026.

Leone started his educational career at Riverside High School in 2010 as a Social Studies teacher. During his tenure at Riverside, he served on the Building Leadership Team contributing to school improvement planning, data analysis and district alignment efforts. In 2018, Leone was hired as principal of Kirtland Middle School where he served for four years before moving into his current role as Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Auburn Career Center in 2022.

Leone holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Theatre from Baldwin-Wallace College, a Master's Degree in Education from John Carroll

University, a Principal's License from Cleveland State University and a Superintendent's License from Miami University.

Leone is replacing long-time administrator Dr. Melissa Mlakar, who had been with the Riverside Local School District for all 32 years of her remarkable educational career. For the past 15 years, she has served as the District's Executive Director of Curriculum and Programming.

Most recently, at the February 26, 2026 Board of Education meeting, she was named Assistant Superintendent in recognition of her District leadership, executive level responsibilities and for her continued service to the Riverside Local School District.

Throughout her storied career, she served in several other positions including as a Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at LaMuth Middle School, Assistant

Principal at Riverside Campus, Principal at Madison Avenue Elementary and Assistant Director of Pupil Services. She is also a very proud graduate of Riverside High School (as are her three children).

Dr. Mlakar has been a passionate advocate for student and staff success throughout her entire career. Her dedication and commitment to excellence and her care for the entire Riverside community has been evident to anyone who she has crossed paths with. Her leadership has helped shape our District into what it is today and she has left an incredible mark on countless individuals.

We'd like to thank Dr. Mlakar for her unwavering commitment and dedication to the Riverside Local School District. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Mlakar on an extraordinary career and her well-deserved retirement.



**David Leone,**  
Assistant Superintendent



**Dr. Melissa Mlakar**

## DISTRICT

## Buckeye Expansion Underway

On July 1, the District hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the 12-classroom addition and new gymnasium at Buckeye Elementary.

This project, which also includes a complete renovation of the existing Buckeye building, is slated to be completed by the start of the 2027-2028 school year.

This project is being paid for by a loan funded through our Permanent Improvement Fund – at no additional cost to taxpayers.



# Thanks!

The District would like to thank the following businesses, organizations, and individuals for their donations, which were approved by the Board of Education between January 2026 and June 2026:

- **Scaffco Scaffolding & Supply Co., Inc.** for donating \$300 to the Care Closet
- **Assembly Specialist, Inc.** for donating \$2,000 to Riverside Choir
- **Monode Marketing**

- **Products, Inc.** for donating an electromagnetic etching power unit (M-150E) valued at \$1,261.97 to the LaMuth Fab Lab
- **Margaret Kimble** for donating \$150 to 7th grade Nutrition Services balances

- **1922 Coffee & Brew** for donating \$200 to Riverside Theatre
- **George Hadden** for donating \$1,000 to the Clyde C. Hadden Memorial Scholarship Fund
- **The LeMarcos** for donating

- \$200 to Riverside Softball
- **Anonymous Donor** for donating \$10,000 to the Riverside Alumni Association
- **Riverside Youth Football** for donating home press box windows valued at \$6,229.37
- **Anonymous Donor** for

- donating \$1,000 to Nutrition Services in memory of John Lauer
- **Annette Peine** for donating \$100 to Nutrition Services
- **Anderson Family Foundation** for donating \$1,000 to the Alumni Association golf outing



## CONGRATULATIONS!

# Head Of The Class Of 2026

### ■ Jace Artman

**Valedictorian, Class of 2026**

*Parents:* Ian Artman and Heather Harnist

*Siblings:* Cassandra (26), Kaiden (21),

Casper (19), Alexander (10), Logan (8)

*Residence:* Painesville Township

*Elementary School:* Hadden

*Middle School:* LaMuth

*Most Challenging Class:* Calculus and Analytical Geometry 2, because the concepts were difficult to understand and there were many formulas I had to remember.

*Extracurriculars (non-school):* Work full-time to save for college

*College Plans:* Ohio University

*Major:* Mechanical Engineering

*The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools:* In my opinion, the best thing is being able to be surrounded by your friends and teachers that genuinely care about your success.

*Advice for future Riverside graduates:* Be willing to try new things. Sometimes the greatest rewards are found outside your comfort zone.

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### ■ Joseph Cavell

**Valedictorian, Class of 2026**

*Parents:* Scott and Jenny Cavell

*Siblings:* Scott (22), Sofia (12)

*Residence:* Concord Township

*Elementary School:* Leroy

*Middle School:* LaMuth

*Most Challenging Class:* AP Calculus, because it had the most intense math requiring the highest degree of raw intellect and studying.

*Extracurriculars:* Cross Country, Track and Field

*Extracurriculars (non-school):* Weightlifting, basketball

*College Plans:* Villanova University

*Major:* Finance/Accounting

*The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools:* The best thing about Riverside is the amount of AP classes offered.

*Advice for future Riverside graduates:* Have a future plan and small goals along the way.

Follow a trajectory. If you have no direction, you're wasting your life.

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### ■ Clara Granchi

**Valedictorian, Class of 2026**

*Parents:* Erika Granchi and the late Dave Granchi

*Siblings:* Marisa (27), Angela (25), Samantha (15)

*Residence:* Painesville Township

*Elementary School:* Hale Road and St. Gabriel School

*Middle School:* LaMuth

*Most Challenging Class:* AP Chemistry, because it covers a lot of material that requires memorization and application.

*Extracurriculars:* National Honor Society, Varsity Softball

*Extracurriculars (non-school):* Travel softball, pitching lesson instructor, working out, member of St. Gabriel Church

*College Plans:* Oakland University

*Major:* Engineering

*The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools:* The culture built around the community and the many opportunities provided for students.

*Advice for future Riverside graduates:* Take challenging classes that you are interested in, build relationships, and enjoy every day!

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### ■ Brooklynn Kleps

**Valedictorian, Class of 2026**

*Parents:* Kevin and Erin Kleps

*Siblings:* Brayden (13)

*Residence:* Painesville

*Elementary School:* Hadden

*Middle School:* LaMuth

*Most Challenging Class:* AP Literature and Composition, because of the workload; there is a lot of poetry and reading/annotating books so it is hard to balance with out-of-school activities.

*Extracurriculars:* National Honor Society,



**Jace Artman**



**Joseph Cavell**



**Clara Granchi**



**Brooklynn Kleps**

Academic Decathlon, Varsity Softball

*Extracurriculars (non-school):* Travel softball, working at a dog wash shop, volunteering in the community, working out

*College Plans:* Ohio University

*Major:* Accounting with either a double major or minor in Business Analytics and a minor in Political Science

*The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools:* The supportive staff and the opportunities for classes and extracurriculars.

*Advice for future Riverside graduates:* Cherish all of the memories with your friends because it goes by so fast. Get involved in activities and school spirit. Challenge yourself, study even when you are procrastinating. And be kind to everyone because you never know what someone is going through.

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### ■ Emily Laukonis

**Valedictorian, Class of 2026**

*Parents:* Douglas and Jill Laukonis





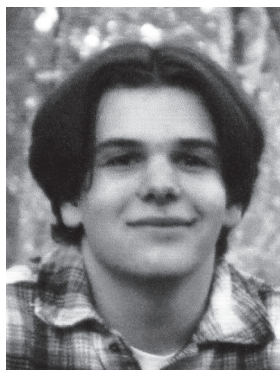
# Valedictorians And Salutatorians



**Emily Laukonis**



**Elizabeth Pennock**



**Andrew Koestner**



**Iann Proudfit**

*Siblings:* Evan (20), Erik (16)  
*Residence:* Concord Township  
*Elementary School:* Mvelridge  
*Middle School:* LaMuth  
*Most Challenging Class:* Organic Chemistry, because it requires a different way of thinking compared to any other class I've taken. It is all about fully understanding concepts and patterns, not just memorizing material. Everything builds on top of itself so understanding the foundation is crucial.  
*Extracurriculars:* Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, math tutor at Lakeland  
*Extracurriculars (non-school):* Work part-time, babysit, go to the gym, volunteer  
*College Plans:* Clemson University  
*Major:* Chemical Engineering  
*The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools:* The teachers. As a student I had a great experience with all of my teachers. They made learning engaging, supported us through challenges, and inspired us to do our best. They care about

what they teach which encourages students to take more of an interest in their learning.  
*Advice for future Riverside graduates:* Stay consistent with all you do and who you are. Showing up, putting in the effort, and not giving up, even on hard days, will take you further than you think.

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## ■ Elizabeth Pennock

**Valedictorian, Class of 2026**

*Parents:* Josh and Karin Pennock  
*Siblings:* Anna (20)  
*Residence:* Painesville Township  
*Elementary School:* Madison Ave.  
*Middle School:* LaMuth  
*Most Challenging Class:* AP Physics due to the rigorous curriculum. However, the incredible teacher made success in the class achievable.

*Extracurriculars:* National Honor Society officer, Academic

Challenge, Theatre, Students Acting for the Environment (SAFE), Track and Field, tutoring

*Extracurriculars (non-school):* Lake County Sheriff's Office Explorers Program, summer worker for Riverside technology department  
*College Plans:* The Ohio State University  
*Major:* Computer and Information Sciences on a Pre-Law track.

*The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools:* The teachers and their willingness to help through challenging content.

*Advice for future Riverside graduates:* Be present in the moment, get involved, and show up to class!

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## ■ Andrew Koestner

**Salutatorian, Class of 2026**

*Parents:* Mark and Kathleen Koestner  
*Siblings:* Joshua (11)  
*Residence:* Painesville Township

*Elementary School:* Hale Road

*Middle School:* LaMuth

*Most Challenging Class:* AP Seminar.

It involved a lot of group work before I was accustomed to working in those environments.

*Extracurriculars:* Academic Decathlon president

*Extracurriculars (non-school):* Work for the City of Mentor's Community Rec Center

*College Plans:* The Ohio State University

*Major:* Business with a specialization in Economics, minoring in Social Justice, then law school with a focus on Civil Rights Law

*The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools:* The sense of community. No matter where you are or who you're with, you're part of something bigger and there's pride that comes with that.

*Advice for future Riverside graduates:* No matter where you end up in life, always remember your time at Riverside. For better or worse, there's no where else quite like it.

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## ■ Iann Proudfit

**Salutatorian, Class of 2026**

*Parents:* Jim Proudfit and Karen Engell

*Siblings:* Wyatt (11)

*Residence:* Concord Township

*Elementary School:* Shoreview

*Middle School:* Central and LaMuth

*Most Challenging Class:* AP Calculus, because there was a lot of content to cover.

*Extracurriculars:* Academic Decathlon

*Extracurriculars (non-school):* Going to the gym, St. James soup kitchen volunteer, work at Ridgewood Kitchen and Spirits

*College Plans:* The Ohio State University

*Major:* Chemical Engineering

*The best thing about Riverside and the Riverside Local Schools:* Having so many AP classes available.

*Advice for future Riverside graduates:* Seeking advice usually won't help you. You likely already know what to do, but are too afraid to start.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

# The Graduating Class Of 2026

## Class Officers

### President

**Sophia Frate**

### Vice President

**Felcia Mensah**

### Vice President

**Logan Moon**

### Vice President

**Addysen Olsen**

### Vice President

**Krystiana Sabol**

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### Student Council President

**Aiden Kanaga**

### Representative

**Ava Bailey**

### Representative

**Lauren Dorka**

### Representative

**Zoe Shurtz**

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### Key

|      |                                                            |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| #1   | #1 Club                                                    |
| AP   | AP Scholar                                                 |
| APH  | AP Scholar with Honor                                      |
| APD  | AP Scholar with Distinction                                |
| APC  | AP Capstone Diploma                                        |
| APS  | AP Seminar and Research Certificate                        |
| H    | Honors Diploma                                             |
| CTH  | Career Technical Honors Diploma                            |
| N2   | National Honor Society 2-year member                       |
| N3   | National Honor Society 3-year member                       |
| ACC  | Auburn Career Center                                       |
| LCCA | CCP Lakeland Community College Associate of Arts Degree    |
| LCCS | CCP Lakeland Community College Associate of Science Degree |
| CS   | Community Service                                          |
| SP   | Senior Project                                             |

Jonathan Patrick Abbott CS  
 Ryan Michael Abbott SP  
 Ogden Lewis Abel N3 ACC  
 Austin Peter Amato ACC, SP  
 Wesley Michael Anderson  
 Dominic Vincent Arnone  
 Jace River Artman APD H  
 Jaxson Thomas August  
 Macey Allison Baca N3 SP  
 Ava Elizabeth Bailey APH H N3 CS SP  
 Ethan Xavier Baker #1  
 Kaleb Lamarr Ballom  
 Lillian Regina Barto  
 Courtney Lynn Battista SP  
 Nayeli Becerra ACC  
 Maryah Rose Benford  
 Angelina Sophia Berardinelli #1 H CTH  
 N3 ACC CS SP  
 Sarah Maria Bernardo H N2 LCCA LCCS  
 CS  
 Kayse Lea Bever  
 Gavin Ray Antonio Acedo Bilbao  
 Nicholas Christopher Bishop H N3 CS  
 Kennedy Jane Bittner H CS  
 Kylie Lynn Blocker H CS SP  
 Addison Paige Bonner N3 CS SP  
 Colin James Borris AP H  
 Gael Joshua Bravo ACC SP  
 Drew Alexander Brown H  
 Owen Michael Brown AP H N2 SP  
 Alana Elizabeth Burgess ACC SP  
 Brody Christopher Burnett #1 H  
 Ethan Jacob Burnham ACC CS SP  
 Isabella Louise Burns SP  
 Grant Thomas Burry N2  
 Mickayla Rowan Caine AP CS  
 Addison Dale Calhoun ACC CS SP  
 Jaylyn Faith Capp N3 CS SP  
 Kurtis Dexter Cave  
 Joseph Kenneth Cavell #1 APD H  
 Sloan Savario Ceely  
 Abigail Mae Chapman  
 Connor Joseph Chapman APH H N2  
 Dominic Joseph Ciasullo  
 Gracie Lou Clark  
 Harrison James Clark #1 APH H  
 Simon Ignatius Contorno  
 Griffin John Corcoran  
 Corrina Grace Cordaro-Mitchell  
 Margarite Rosemary Corlette N3 CS SP  
 Jacob James Xavier Craig ACC CS  
 William Dalton Creel  
 Alexander Quinn Crowe  
 Jared Michael Crowe ACC  
 Cailey Kathleen Crowell SP  
 Zechariah Emanuel Cuyler  
 Sawyer James D'Amico N3  
 Leo Conrad D'Astolfo  
 Mimi Ann Daina CTH ACC  
 Aria Milan Darby ACC  
 William Cedrick De La Torre  
 Jareth Abyl DeJesus Colon  
 Caiden Michael DeLeone  
 Eli'as Samuel Diaz  
 Keturah Maray DiBenedetto SP

Ryan Oliver Diffenbacher  
 Derek Alexander Dixon CTH ACC  
 Lauren Elizabeth Dorka APH APS H N3  
 CS SP  
 Jayden Davis Drady SP  
 Matthew Allan Duemling ACC  
 Jacob Raymond Dunlap ACC  
 Nicole Josephine Dunlap N3 CS SP  
 Sean Gerald Durkin  
 Christopher Chadwick Elliott H  
 Alex Richard Estvanko ACC  
 Dylan Joseph Evans ACC SP  
 Sofia Fennich  
 Alivia Elise Ferrell  
 Ashlyn Rayne Ferris  
 Donald Edward Fisher SP  
 Daniel Robert Fleck  
 Nathan Edward Fleck CTH ACC  
 Ethan Gregory Fox ACC SP  
 Sophia Mary Frate AP CS SP  
 Eli Adam Fratianne ACC CS  
 William Jason Freeman  
 Catherine Marie Fresenko #1 N3 LCCS CS  
 SP  
 Kyler James Frye  
 Madelyn Elizabeth Fults  
 Miadaniela Garcia  
 Leyana Nevaeh Gay ACC SP  
 Preston Lee Gehring H CS  
 Jayden Walter Gibson  
 Aubrieana Dacy Gilchrist  
 Rose Lynn Gilliam ACC  
 Clara Elizabeth Granchi #1 APD APC H  
 N3 CS  
 Megan Elizabeth Griffith  
 Frida Arlette Guerrero Lopez  
 Miranda Katherine Guinan ACC  
 David James Guynn ACC  
 Avery Rose Hagan  
 Daytona Marie Hale  
 Tenleigh Ann-Louise Hammond #1 APD  
 APC H N3 CS  
 Palmer Thomas Hanlin #1 H CS SP  
 Seth Randy Hanner SP  
 Nicholas Anthony Hansen ACC SP  
 Kyle Eugene Harden ACC SP  
 Sarah Katherine Harrigan #1 APD APS H  
 N3 CS SP  
 Seamus Michael Harris ACC  
 Reece Oliver Hartman APH H N3 CS  
 Ilianna Marie Hasan SP  
 Scarlett Mathilde Hattox  
 Keeghan James Heckman ACC CS  
 Evelyn Marie Heramb N3 CS SP  
 Camden David Alan Herrmann H  
 Mason Allen Hickman H  
 Ryan Hunter Higginbotham ACC CS  
 Dominick Blake Hitterman SP  
 Claire Nicole Hixson H N3 CS SP  
 Lexie Holiday  
 Ella Rose Holloway ACC  
 Lillian Grace Hopper CS  
 Elizabeth Susan Horne CS  
 Benjamin Joseph Hornstein ACC SP  
 Brissia Horta SP

Tiffany Grace Hoth SP  
 Ashley Simone Hudock ACC SP  
 Madison Aleksas Humphrey SP  
 Destinni Kristine Nicole Hutchison ACC  
 Alyssa Catherine Iacofano SP  
 Vincent Stephen Isabella ACC SP  
 Declan Brian Jackson H  
 Jenna Lynn Janezic H N3 CS  
 Gianna Isabella Jazbec  
 Martin Robert Jobe ACC  
 Anaya Grace Johnson ACC  
 Reece Christopher Johnson  
 Addison Rene Johnston #1 APH H CS SP  
 Ashlee Elizabeth Jones #1 H CS SP  
 Elisabeth Morgan Jones  
 Kamauri Devon Jordan ACC  
 Christian Mitchell Juache Garcia ACC  
 Austin Samuel Kalb H CS  
 Cole Robert Kalish ACC  
 Aiden Robert Kanaga #1 APH APC H N3  
 CS SP  
 Joseph Anthony Kermod ACC SP  
 Leah Rose Kerniskey H CS SP  
 Samantha Maeann Kieran CS  
 Samuel Nathan Kirkland ACC SP  
 Brooke Alexis Kissig SP  
 Joshua William Klamar ACC  
 Brooklynn Carol Antonetta Kleps #1 APD  
 APC H N3 CS  
 Andrew Mark Koestner #1 H  
 Kui Zi Kostreba ACC  
 Catharine Maria Kozina #1 AP H N3 CS  
 Katelynn Marie Krupa ACC CS  
 Madeline Elise LaMacchia  
 Mickey Larson SP  
 Emily Kathryn Laukonis #1 H LCCS  
 Braxton Richard Lawhead  
 Johann Misael Ledesma Murillo ACC SP  
 Robert Carl Lewis H SP  
 Thomas Paul Lindic  
 Madelyn Elizabeth Liplin ACC CS SP  
 Emma Rose Loftus  
 McKenna Elise Lohr  
 Caridee Rae Longauer  
 Aidan Lopez Fuentes  
 Ivy Nicole Lowry  
 Grace Kelley Lulow #1 AP H N3 CS SP  
 Taylor Elizabeth Lustig  
 Nicholas Jack Makris  
 Erin Ashley Cancio Malabanan CTH ACC  
 SP  
 Cole Adam Malkamaki  
 Brandon Christopher Mann ACC  
 Forever Ny'Vayha Tekoah Monah Marlin  
 ACC  
 Grady Patrick Marn APH APC H SP  
 Nora June Martich  
 Kyndall Styles McCaleb #1 H  
 Logan Anthony McCarthy ACC SP  
 Sophia Grace McCarthy  
 Madelyn Rose McNutt-Lauver  
 Felicia Destiny Deziree Mensah CTH N3  
 ACC CS SP  
 Kya Alina Michel  
 Noah James Montgomery ACC





# Good Luck In The Future

Logan Daniel Moon H  
 Xenia Elise Moonesawmy ACC SP  
 Madeline Michelle Moore  
 Logan Morales-Pacheco ACC SP  
 Jasmine Moreno-Flores H N3 CS SP  
 Aidan Timothy Morris ACC SP  
 Iain James Mowry APD H SP  
 Daniel Stanley Mudzyn ACC  
 Augustine David Murino ACC SP  
 Ella Jane Murphy ACC SP  
 Angela Noelle Nalepka SP  
 Charlie Michael Nalepka #1 CS  
 Remi Nicolette Nash  
 Cassandra Navarro ACC SP  
 Nathan Paul Nawrocki  
 Anthony Scott Nazario ACC SP  
 Mason V Neal ACC SP  
 Anthony McGroarty Ngugi ACC  
 Steven Joseph Nichols ACC  
 Owen Livingston Nied ACC  
 Tristan Timothy O'Kelley ACC SP  
 Lily Ann O'Neill H N3 CS  
 Madelyn Jeanne Oblaczynski CTH ACC  
 CS  
 Addysen Kathryn Olsen ACC  
 Nayra Julyanna Ornelas Gomez ACC  
 Evelyn Orta CTH ACC SP  
 Madison Kathleen Owens #1 H N3 CS  
 James Matthew Ozinga #1 APD H N3  
 Alexandre Pacheco  
 Brandon Eduardo Pacheco ACC SP  
 Kelvin Yandel Pacheco ACC SP  
 Mikeangel Pacheco-Reynoso ACC  
 Adam David Pakeltis #1 H N3 CS  
 Carter Emmanuel Papadopoulos CTH  
 ACC SP  
 Noah Alexander Parker N2 CS SP  
 Connor Owen Peck ACC CS  
 Elizabeth Reed Pennock #1 APD APC H  
 N3 CS  
 Bret Mario Percic  
 Denise Peredo Pacheco H ACC CS SP  
 Lilyan Vera Pettitt ACC  
 Mia Nichole Petrigac  
 Christofer Steven Petrovic ACC  
 Marlee Rae Pettine SP  
 Jackson Alois Pfeil ACC SP  
 Mark Joseph Poje  
 Joshua Martin Porter CS SP  
 Evan James Powell  
 Olivia Marie Powell H CS  
 Kaitlyn Marie Price SP  
 Iann Lyle Proudfit #1 APD H  
 Christopher Stephen Provateare ACC SP  
 Sophia Grace Pudder #1 H CS SP  
 Isabelle Violet Qurazzo ACC SP  
 Hector Alonso Ramirez  
 Caroline Mary Ramming CS SP  
 Hailey Marie Rannigan  
 Mariah Juanita Rathburn SP  
 Mirlani Dayami Rea-Gutierrez  
 Natalie Brooke Rebenock AP APC H N3  
 CS SP  
 Brooklyn Marie Reed SP  
 Diego Remigio Cuellar ACC SP  
 Ava Marie Repko CS  
 Case Anthony Reutter SP  
 Landon Richter SP  
 Tyler John Rings ACC SP  
 Jovanna Guadalupe Romo  
 Octavius Emmanuel Rosario  
 Sofia Rosemier ACC SP  
 Caitlyn Brianna Ross  
 Peyton Elizabeth Ross AP  
 Kaci Lynn Rudler H ACC SP  
 Amelia Marie Rusnak SP  
 Hunter Michael Russell H SP  
 Aubrielle Justine Russell-Armstrong ACC  
 SP  
 Krystiana Kyrie Sabol N3 CS

Mia Vincenza Salvo-Snyder ACC SP  
 Audriana Lee Sankovich ACC  
 Jada Michelle Santone SP  
 Rhys Rutherford Sas H CS SP  
 Amanda Lynn Schack H N2 CS  
 Devin Vincent Sebulski CS SP  
 Lucas John Segulin  
 Skylar Marie Sehein  
 Jacey Lynn Serwatka  
 Anna Marie Shantery LCCA  
 Rhys Cameron Shanter H CS  
 Liviana Josephine Sheridan  
 Layla Farai Shimelonis ACC SP  
 Spencer August Short #1 H CS SP  
 Zoe Elizabeth Shurtz AP H N3 CS SP  
 Giavanna Lia Simone ACC SP  
 Rickey Benjamin Sims ACC SP  
 Felicity Belle Ann Smalley ACC SP  
 Alyssa Jade Smith  
 Claire Therese Sorrells SP  
 Adrianna Danielle Spicer ACC  
 Summer Rain Stanfield-Urbaneck  
 Kendall Brynn Stark  
 Landon Michael-James Starkey ACC  
 Ashton Matthew Staton N3 ACC CS SP  
 Connor Joseph Stein  
 Erin Margaret Storey  
 Riley Jay Strickland #1 H N3 LCCA CS  
 Kylie May Sugalski ACC CS SP  
 John Daniel Sullivan #1 APH H N3  
 William Lajos Szabo SP  
 Miklos Bela Szucs ACC SP  
 Chase Nicholas Taggart ACC SP  
 Madison Samantha Tas CS  
 Logan Arnold Teeter  
 Andrew Michael Teknipp #1 AP H N2 SP

Dalton Jean Paul Thomas ACC  
 Cruz Torres-Fults  
 Karli Elle Travis SP  
 Michael John Tripodo SP  
 Isabel Rose Tycast ACC SP  
 Aaron Chase Tyes ACC  
 Cor'Teysia Kor'Mauri Tyree  
 Sophia Elyse Unk  
 Allison Brooke Urbas CTH N2 ACC CS SP  
 Carl Roland Usatch APH H  
 Madelyn Antoinette Valentino SP  
 Elizabeth Kaytlin Vance ACC  
 Lucas Elijah Vereb ACC  
 Rebecca Pearl Volpe H CS SP  
 Ava Sophia Wakeman SP  
 Joseph James Walsh  
 Cameron Vaughn Washington  
 Lauryn Elona Watkins CTH ACC CS  
 Andon David Watrous ACC SP  
 Kamyra Jade Watson  
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## Did You Know...

... of the **328** graduating seniors that comprised the Class of 2026 at Riverside High School ...

■ **24%** earned an Honors Diploma (H) or Career Technical Honors Diploma (CTH)

...

■ **33%** also graduated from Auburn Career Center (ACC)

...

■ **24%** earned a Community Service Honor Cord (CS)

...

■ **39%** participated in the Senior Project program (SP).

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

## Staff Members "Graduate"

Eighteen of our dedicated Riverside Local Schools staff members also "graduated" at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Together the retiring staff members served the District for a combined 457.5 years. Thank you for your many years of service!

| Name               | Position                            | Years*    |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Kelly Brewster     | Transportation Operator (District)  | 2.5 years |
| Tina Brooks        | Custodian (Parkside)                | 27 years  |
| Michael Dingman    | Math Teacher (Campus)               | 26 years  |
| Sharon Field       | English Teacher (Campus)            | 33 years  |
| Kelly Javorek      | 4th Grade Teacher (Parkside)        | 22 years  |
| Jennifer Maynard   | 1st Grade Teacher (Melridge)        | 27 years  |
| Dr. Melissa Mlakar | Assistant Superintendent (District) | 32 years  |
| Diana Pritt        | Secretary (Parkside)                | 28 years  |
| Michelle Ricci     | Special Needs Assistant (Melridge)  | 22 years  |
| Joanna Rinni       | 4th Grade Teacher (Parkside)        | 18 years  |
| David Schwartz     | Band Director (Campus)              | 32 years  |
| Allen Sluga        | Transportation Operator (District)  | 21 years  |
| Noralee Starr      | 5th Grade Teacher (LaMuth)          | 22 years  |
| Bonny Steele       | Custodian (Buckeye)                 | 40 years  |
| Beth Thomas        | Nutrition Services (Riverview)      | 22 years  |
| Sue Veverka        | 4th Grade Teacher (Buckeye)         | 24 years  |
| Katherine Watson   | 5th Grade Teacher (Parkside)        | 32 years  |
| Anna Marie Wood    | 3rd Grade Teacher (Parkside)        | 27 years  |

\* Years of service to the Riverside Local Schools

**457.5 years**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

# Class Of 2026 Scholarships & Awards

*Thanks!*

... to the organizations, companies, and foundations for providing award recognition and scholarships to the honored members of the Class of 2026.



**Join Today!**

Lifetime membership in the **Riverside Alumni Association** is just \$25. The Alumni Association fosters fellowship that mutually benefits the Riverside community and its alumni by providing:

- Scholarships to Riverside High School seniors
- Recognition of achievements through the Hall of Fame
- Assistance with class reunions
- Networking opportunities
- A bridge between current students and alumni

For more information on the Riverside Alumni Association, and how to join, please visit [www.riversidealumni.com](http://www.riversidealumni.com).

- Art IV show hosted by Stella's Art Gallery** — Sophia Unk (Best in Show), Megan Griffith (1st Place), Ajax Repko (2nd Place), Catharine Kozina (3rd Place)
- Auburn Career Center Award of Distinction** — Angelina Berardinelli (Criminal Justice), Derek Dixon (Construction), Christian Juache Garcia (Automotive Technology), Katelynn Krupa (Landscape Construction), Ella Murphy (Marketing & Business), Madelyn Oblaczynski (Education Pathways), Addysen Olsen (Culinary)
- Christ Child of the Western Reserve Scholarship** — Sarah Bernardo
- Coach Dave Granchi Memorial Scholarship** — Maggie Corlette, Clara Granchi
- Christina M. Hillyer Memorial Scholarship** — Sarah Bernardo, Aiden Kanaga, Riley Strickland
- David R. Baker Memorial Scholarship** — Aiden Kanaga, Olivia Powell
- Eternal Optimism Award** — Chapin Yates
- Exchange Club of Painesville Scholarship** — Aiden Kanaga, Elizabeth Pennock
- Fine Arts Award (3.85 GPA in Fine Arts classes in five or more semesters)** — Megan Griffith, Izzie Horne, Sophia White
- Fine Arts Award (4.0+ GPA in Fine Arts classes over seven-plus quarters)** — Maryah Benford, Kennedy Bittner, Alana Burgess, Megan Griffith, Aubrieann Gilchrist, Datona Hale, Jenna Janeczic, Catharine Kozina, Caridee Longauer, Jasmine Moreno-Flores, Lily O'Neil, Ava (Ajax) Repko, Brooklyn Reed, Sophia Unk, Sam Zahursky
- Frank J. Feola Foundation Scholarship** — Samuel Zahursky
- Frank Platzar Legacy Memorial Scholarship** — Case Reutter
- Foreign Exchange Students** — Tom Kramer (Germany), Sara Polizzi (Italy), Emil Voß (Germany)
- Ian's Legacy Foundation Scholarship** — Riley Strickland
- John Philip Sousa Award** — Krystiana Sabol
- Lawrence Lann Memorial Scholarship** — Aiden Kanaga
- National School Choral Award** — Sarah Harrigan
- Ohio Lottery Best of Class** — Emily Laukonis
- Painesville Area Service Society (PASS) Scholarship** — Sarah Bernardo, Elizabeth Pennock, Samuel Zahursky
- Phi Beta Kappa Award** — Clara Granchi
- Quincy Jones Award** — Sarah Harrigan
- Renee Robison Zappitelli Community Service Scholarship** — Sarah Bernardo
- Riverside RBI Club Scholarship** — James Ozinga
- RLEA Teachers' Memorial Scholarship** — Sarah Bernardo, Colin Borris, Claire Hixson, Aiden Kanaga, James Ozinga, Elizabeth Pennock, Riley Strickland, Samuel Zahursky
- RLEEF – Gaubatz Nursing Scholarship** — Nicole Dunlap
- RLEEF – George E. Inscho, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** — Riley Strickland
- RLEEF – Henry F. LaMuth Memorial Scholarship** — Clara Granchi
- RLEEF – John J. Weiss Scholarship** — Felicia Mensah, Riley Strickland
- RLEEF – Melissa Fankboner Memorial Scholarship** — Jasmine Moreno-Flores
- Robert E. Tischer Memorial Drama Scholarship** — Sarah Harrigan
- Technology Award, Excellence in Technology, Advanced Manufacturing** — Reece Johnson
- Technology Award, Excellence in Technology, Computer Science Essentials** — Kyler Frye
- Technology Award, Excellence in Technology, Cybersecurity** — Joseph Walsh
- Technology Award, Excellence in Technology, Digital Media** — Keturah DiBenedetto, Landon Richter
- Technology Award, Excellence in Technology, Microsoft Applications** — Iain Mowry
- Technology Award, Excellence in Technology, Yearbook** — Cailey Crowell, Elisabeth Jones, Samantha Kieran
- UH-Lake Health Careers Scholarship** — Sarah Bernardo, Aiden Kanaga, Erin Storey
- United States Marine Corps – Distinguished Female Athlete Award** — Allison Urbas
- United States Marine Corps – Distinguished Male Athlete Award** — Kyndall McCaleb
- United States Marine Corps – Scholastic Excellence Award** — Joseph Cavell
- United States Marine Corps – Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence** — Krystiana Sabol





# Thank You For Your Service

On May 21, Riverside High School recognized 10 seniors who have committed to serve in the military following graduation. Special thanks to guest speaker Jennifer Calhoun, a 1990 RHS graduate and a retired Chief Hospital Corpsman for the U.S. Navy. You can watch the entire ceremony on the District's YouTube page.



**Jennifer Calhoun**, retired Chief Hospital Corpsman for the U.S. Navy

**Jacob Craig**, U.S. Army, was unable to attend the ceremony and is not pictured.



**Alexander Crowe**  
U.S. Army



**Eli'as Diaz**  
U.S. Air Force



**Dylan Evans**  
Ohio Air National Guard



**Cruz Torres Fults**  
U.S. Air Force



**Madeline Moore**  
U.S. Navy



**Kelvin Pacheco**  
U.S. Marines



**Jackson Pfeil**  
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**Chase Taggart**  
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**We're Hiring!**



• **Non-Teaching Staff and Substitutes**  
• **Teaching Substitutes**  
Any interested applicants should contact Mallory Aliff, Human Resources Director for the Riverside Local School District, by email at [mallory.aliff@riversideschools.net](mailto:mallory.aliff@riversideschools.net).





## RIVERSIDE BEAVERS 2026 Varsity Football Schedule

Fri., Aug. 21 .... 7:00 p.m.  
@ **Steubenville**

Fri., Aug. 28 .... 7:30 p.m.  
vs. **AURORA**  
*Community Tailgate Party*

Fri., Sept. 4 ..... 7:00 p.m.  
vs. **AUSTINTOWN FITCH**  
*Youth Night*

Thu., Sept. 10.. 7:00 p.m.  
@ **Shaker Heights \***

Fri., Sept. 18 .... 7:00 p.m.  
vs. **MENTOR \***  
*Mass Band*

Fri., Sept. 25 .... 7:00 p.m.  
vs. **STRONGSVILLE \***  
*Homecoming/Alumni Band*

Fri., Oct. 2 ..... 7:00 p.m.  
@ **Cleveland Hts. \***

Fri., Oct. 9 ..... 7:00 p.m.  
@ **Brunswick \***

Fri., Oct. 16 ..... 7:00 p.m.  
vs. **EUCLID \***  
*Senior Parent Night*

Fri., Oct. 23 ..... 7:00 p.m.  
@ **Lorain \***

\* Greater Cleveland Conference game  
Home games in CAPS

### Meet the Teams

Wed., Aug. 19 • 7:00 p.m.  
Riverside Stadium

### Community Tailgate Party

Fri., Aug. 28 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
Next to Riverside H.S.

### Homecoming Parade • Pep Rally

Thur., Sept. 24 • 6:30 p.m.  
Riverside H.S. / Stadium

## RIVERSIDE CAMPUS

# Athletic Year-In-Review

### Cross Country, Boys —

- Regional Qualifiers
- WRC All-Conference: Caden Rossi

### Cross Country, Girls —

- Regional Qualifiers
- WRC All-Conference: Molly Fechko, Avery Horvath, Brooke Young

### Football —

- Academic All-Ohio
- Academic All-Ohioans: Ethan Baker, Austin Kalb, Kyndall McCaleb, Adam Pakeltis, Spencer Short
- WRC Offensive Player of the Year: Kyndall McCaleb
- WRC All-Conference: Ethan Baker, Alex Calogar, Austin Kalb, Cole Kalish, Bret Percic, Josh Porter, Case Reutter, David Seibert, Spencer Short
- WRC Coach of the Year: Jeremy Ishmael
- Lake County Touchdown Club Div. A Offensive Player of the Year: Kyndall McCaleb
- Lake County Touchdown Club All-Stars: Alex Calogar, Cole Kalish, Bret Percic, Josh Porter, Case Reutter, David Seibert
- Northeast Lakes District Div. II First Team: Alex Calogar, Kyndall McCaleb, Bret Percic, Josh Porter
- News-Herald All-Stars: Alex Calogar, Kyndall McCaleb

### Golf, Boys —

- WRC Champions
- District Qualifiers
- WRC Player of the Year: Griffin Pickett
- WRC All-Conference: Declan Jackson, Connor Stein
- WRC Coach of the Year: Mike Pickett

### Golf, Girls —

- WRC Champions
- WRC All-Conference: Sydney Barker, Kaylee Kirk, Kaylee Naymik, Morliana Victor
- WRC Coach of the Year: Logan Frank

### Soccer, Boys —

- WRC All-Conference: Ogden Abel, Gael Bravo, Johann Ledesma, Kelvin Pacheco

### Soccer, Girls —

- WRC All-Conference: Kaitlyn O'Connor, Natalie Rebenock

### Volleyball, Girls —

- WRC Champions
- WRC Player of the Year: Jacelyn Zgonc
- WRC All-Conference: Makayla Koenig, Aubrey Laurenty, Marlee Pettine
- WRC Coach of the Year: Camille Cvengros
- News-Herald All Stars: Makayla Koenig, Jacelyn Zgonc
- All-District: Jacelyn Zgonc

### Basketball, Boys —

- District Champions
- WRC Player of the Year: Drew Brown
- WRC All-Conference: Palmer Hanlin
- All-Ohio Div. II Honorable Mention: Drew Brown, David Seibert

- News-Herald All Star: Drew Brown

### Basketball, Girls —

- WRC Champions
- WRC All-Conference: Aubrey Laurenty, Jordyn White, Emma Wilhelm

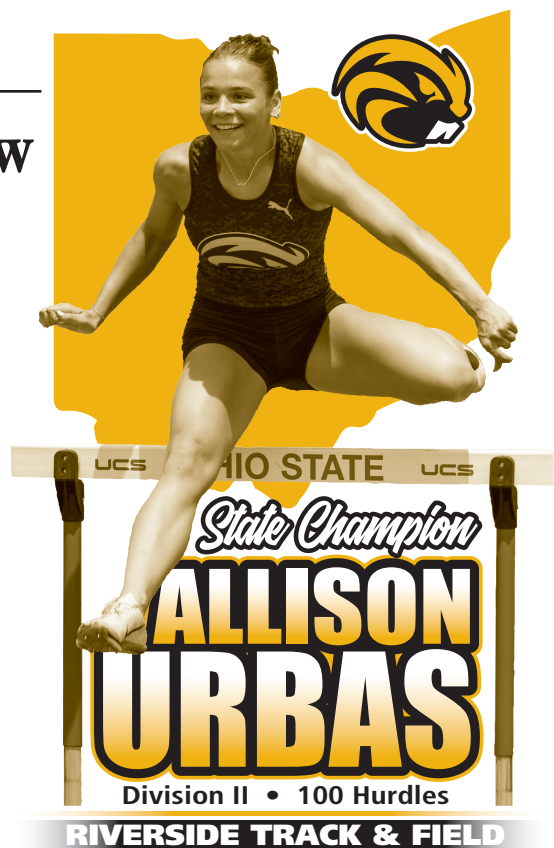


Photo of Allison Urbas: Carson Zoller — The News-Herald

## Another State Champion!

Congratulations to **Claire Malchesky** (8th grade) who was the 2026 Middle School State Long Jump Champion with a leap of 17' 11", the second longest on record in the 7th and 8th Grade OHSAA State Meet.

- WRC Coach of the Year: Brian Fulton
  - All-Ohio Div. II Honorable Mention: Emma Wilhelm
- ### Gymnastics —
- WRC All-Conference: Mia Petrigac (Vault), Allison Urbas (Floor)
  - State Qualifiers: Mia Petrigac (Floor), Allison Urbas (Floor)
- ### Indoor Track —
- State Qualifiers: Kyndall McCaleb (60, Long Jump), Mark Poje (Shot), Josh Porter (Shot), Allison Urbas (60 Hurdles)
- ### Swimming, Boys —
- WRC All-Conference: Daniel Fleck (100 Free, 200 IM), Liam May (100 Breast)
  - Sectional Champion: Daniel Fleck (100 Free)
- ### Swimming, Girls —
- WRC All-Conference: Phoebe Conway (200 Medley Relay), Claire Hixon (Diving), Addison Johnston (200 Medley Relay), Angela Nalepka (200 Medley Relay), Madison Tas (200 Medley Relay, Diving)
- ### Wrestling, Boys —
- WRC Champion: Dominic Bottiggi (190)
  - District Qualifiers: Dominic Bottiggi (190), Ben Hainzey (157), Nick Hansen (132), Kamauri Jordan (120), Tristan O'Kelley (138), Mason VanPelt (215)
- ### Wrestling, Girls —
- Sectional Champion: London Davis (120)
  - District Qualifiers: London Davis (120), Lizette Rodriguez (105)
  - State Qualifier: London Davis (120)
  - News-Herald All-Stars: London Davis (120), Lizette Rodriguez (105)





## Streak is at FIVE!

Riverside continued its grip on the News-Herald Player-of-the-Year award in softball as **Clara Granchi** was honored for her exploits on the field this year. She is the fifth consecutive student-athlete from Riverside to earn this award following **Annaliese Davis** (2025), **Clara Granchi** (2024), **Delaney Keith** (2023), and **Amanda Kolar** (2022).

### Baseball —

- WRC Champions
- WRC Player of the Year: **Austin Kalb**
- WRC All-Conference: **Ethan Baker**, **Ryan Higginbotham**, **James Ozinga**, **Case Reutter**, **Bryson Yost**
- WRC Coach of the Year: **John Wakim**
- OhioVarsity.com All-Star: **Austin Kalb**

### Lacrosse, Boys —

- WRC All-Conference: **Griffin Ebbert**, **Jacob Mackey**, **Joseph Mackey**, **Devin Shilling**

### Lacrosse, Girls —

- WRC All-Conference: **Addison Bonner**, **Jaylyn Capp**, **Madilyn Miozzi**, **Madelyn Victor**
- News-Herald All-Star: **Madelyn Victor**

### Softball —

- WRC Champions
- District Champions
- Regional Champions
- State Final Four
- WRC Player of the Year: **Clara Granchi**
- WRC All-Conference: **Maddy Kevern**, **Olivia Powell**, **Maddi Proud**, **Becca Tornow**

### Emma Wilhelm

- WRC Coach of the Year: **Bill Ross**
- News-Herald Player of the Year: **Clara Granchi**
- News-Herald All-Star: **Maddi Proud**, **Becca Tornow**
- News-Herald Coach of the Year: **Bill Ross**
- OhioVarsity.com Player of the Year: **Clara Granchi**
- OhioVarsity.com Coach of the Year: **Bill Ross**
- OhioVarsity.com All-Stars: **Maddi Proud**, **Becca Tornow**
- OHSFSCA Northeast All-District Div. II: **Clara Granchi**, **Maddi Proud**, **Becca Tornow**
- OHSFSCA All-State Div. II: **Clara Granchi** (1st Team), **Becca Tornow** (2nd Team)

### Track & Field, Boys —

- WRC Champions: **Colin Borris** (100 Relay, 200 Relay), **Richard Johnson III** (200 Relay), **Jake Lagerstedt** (100 Relay, 200 Relay), **Kyndall McCaleb** (Long Jump, 100, 100 Relay), **Jaxon Moore** (100 Relay, 200 Relay), **Josh Porter** (Discus, Shot)
- State Qualifiers / Placers: **Colin Borris** (200 Relay, 6th), **Richard Johnson III** (200 Relay, 6th), **Kyndall McCaleb** (Long Jump, 10th; 200 Relay 6th), **Jaxon Moore** (200 Relay, 6th), **Mark Poje**

(Shot, 4th), **Josh Porter** (Shot 2nd; Discus 11th)

- News-Herald All-Star: **Kyndall McCaleb**,

### Josh Porter

### Track & Field, Girls —

- WRC Champions
- WRC Champion: **Allison Urbas** (100 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles)
- WRC Coach of the Year: **Lisa Wade**
- Regional Champion: **Allison Urbas** (100 Hurdles)
- Regional Qualifiers: **Emma Omonogun** (100 Relay), **Rhys Shantery** (Long Jump, 100 Relay), **Camryn Simmons** (100, 100 Relay), **Allison Urbas** (100 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles, 100 Relay), **Brooke Young**, (400)
- State Qualifiers / Placers: **Emma Omonogun** (100 Relay, 6th), **Rhys Shantery** (Long Jump 8th; 100 Relay 6th), **Camryn Simmons** (100 Relay, 6th), **Allison Urbas** (100 Hurdles, 1st; 300 Hurdles, 11th; 100 Relay, 6th)
- News-Herald All-Stars: **Rhys Shantery**, **Allison Urbas**

### Volleyball, Boys —

- News-Herald All Star: **Mason Weber**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## Student-Athletes Commit

Congratulations to the 13 Riverside High School graduates shown here for signing their Letter of Intent on May 26 to continue their academic and athletic careers in college. You can watch the entire ceremony on the District's YouTube page.



**Ethan Baker**,  
Lake Erie  
College,  
baseball



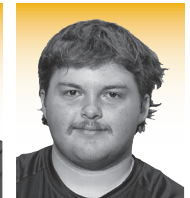
**Colin Borris**,  
Davenport  
Univ., track &  
field



**Drew Brown**,  
Ohio Wesleyan  
Univ.,  
basketball



**Daniel Fleck**,  
Univ. of Mount  
Union, swim &  
dive



**Ryan Higginbotham**,  
Lorain County  
Comm. College,  
baseball



**Addison Johnston**,  
Univ. of Mount  
Union, swim &  
dive



**James Ozinga**,  
Messiah Univ.,  
baseball



**Mark Poje**,  
Charleston  
Southern Univ.,  
track & field



**Joshua Porter**,  
Walsh Univ.,  
track & field



**Madison Tas**,  
Baldwin  
Wallace Univ.,  
swim & dive



**Allison Urbas**,  
St. John Fisher  
Univ., track &  
field



**Madelyn Valentino**,  
Lakeland  
Comm. College,  
volleyball



**Rebecca Volpe**,  
Hiram College.,  
volleyball/track  
& field



## Banner Sponsorship Program

Funds raised from the Banner Sponsorship Program benefit the District's Athletic Department, which supports all high school and middle school athletic programs. Banners are displayed within Riverside Stadium and the Field House. These

venues bring in thousands of community members to the Riverside Campus on a weekly basis for not only high school sports, but also youth community leagues and various other events. This is a great way to have your company seen and recognized by many people on a

weekly basis. If you would like to participate in the **Banner Sponsorship Program**, please contact Nick Carrabine, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Riverside Local School District, at (440) 358-8216 or by email at [nick.carrabine@riversideschools.net](mailto:nick.carrabine@riversideschools.net).

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### Parkside Elementary

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12428 Concord-Hambden Road, Concord, Ohio 44077  
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### Riverview Elementary

Traci Shantery, Principal  
845 Madison Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
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## LEGISLATORS

The following elected officials serve the residents of the Riverside Local School District:

### Ohio Senate 18th District

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Columbus, Ohio 43215  
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### Want More Info? [www.riversidelocalschools.com](http://www.riversidelocalschools.com)

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### Are you new to the District?

Register your child for the 2026-2027 school year online at [www.riversidelocalschools.com](http://www.riversidelocalschools.com) by clicking on the "Registration Information" link under the "Parents" tab.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Senior Citizen Appreciation Nights Scheduled

The District will be hosting a Senior Citizen Appreciation Night on Thursday, November 19 at 4 p.m. Resident seniors will be able to enjoy a free dinner in the Riverside



High School cafeteria prepared and served by students in the Foods and Nutrition classes. The dinner will be followed by a free performance at 5 p.m. of the fall play, **A Christmas Carol**, in the D.W. Shaner Auditorium. For all other attendees, ticket information for **A Christmas Carol**, which will also be performed on

Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21 will be available on the District's website later this fall.

The Senior Citizen Appreciation Night for next spring has also been scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2027 with another dinner and the performance of the musical, **Finding Neverland**.

*Please note: We ask that senior citizens attending the dinner(s) RSVP to [rhstheatre@riversideschools.net](mailto:rhstheatre@riversideschools.net) by the Friday before the dinner.*



### Help Keep Our Schools Safe

CALL or TEXT the statewide tipline at **844-723-3764** to anonymously report anything that seems suspicious or endangering to you, your friends or your school community.